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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN-KENYAN RELATIONS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 2005

1. ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY MAJ. NADEW ZEKARIAS,
MEMBER OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL,
ARRIVED IN KENYA APRIL 26, BRINGING MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT
KENYATTA (REFTEL). DELEGATION HAD PREVIOUSLY VISITED FIVE
SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND IS EXPECTED TO GO TO UGANDA
AFTER LEAVING KENYA. AS OF APRIL 29, DELEGATION HAD NOT
MET PRESIDENT, BUT THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL GIVEN UNCERTAIN
STATE OF KENYATTA'S HEALTH.

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2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD DCM THAT IN MEETING AT
MFA, ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION HAD SAID THAT TERMINATION OF U.S.
MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA SHOULD NOT RPT NOT HARD GOOD
BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND KENYA. KENYAN
OFFICIAL CONFIDED TO DCM THAT KENYA WOULD HAVE PREFERRED
THAT ETHIOPIA CONTINUE TO BE SUPPLIED BY U.S. RATHER THAN
SOVIETS, BUT GAVE NO FURTHER INDICATION OF HOW KENYA VIEWS

ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH ETHIOPIA IN LIGHT OF EVOLVING SITUATION
IN THE HORN.

3. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS CLEAR THAT KENYA WILL TAKE NO STEPS TO BURN ITS BRIDGES WITH ETHIOPIA, CHARGES LEVIED BY ETHIOPIA AGAINST SUDAN, U.S. AND VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES ARE NOT LIKELY TO RECEIVE SYMPATHETIC HEARING FROM KENYA, SINCE IT HAS STRENGTHENED ITS OWN TIES WITH THESE COUNTRIES SUBSTANTIALLY IN PAST TWO YEARS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT KENYA HAS ASKED ETHIOPIA TO MEDIATE WITH TANZANIA (SEPTEL), SUGGESTING THAT KENYA STILL REGARDS ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH ETHIOPIA AS SPECIAL.

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